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For: ELECTROLYTIC PHOSPHATE CHEMICAL TREATMENT METHOD

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A personal interview was conducted on November 21, 2005 between Applicants' representative and Examiner E. Wong at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

During the interview, the amendments to the claims as provided in the November 9, 2005 Amendment were reviewed. Specific differences between the claims and the applied reference pertaining to sludge formation/removal were reviewed. We also discussed possible issues relating to 35 U.S.C. §112 in an effort to clarify claim language and distinguishing features of the claimed subject matter over the applied reference.

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